

II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Amendment Made herein and Summary of Status of Claims

Claims 1-40 have been pending in this application. Please amend claims 1-40, without prejudice. No new matter has been introduced with the amended claims.

▪ Statement with Respect to Scope of Amended and Non-Amended Claims

Revisions to the claim set is made in order to streamline prosecution of this case in order to obtain early allowance of embodiments that are presently anticipated to be of commercial significance and in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement which has been made final in the Office Action, and are not made for a purpose of patentability. Any amendment, cancellation, withdrawal or addition made herein with respect to the claims should not be construed in any manner as indicating Applicant's surrender of any subject matter of the application, or surrender of any equivalent to any element asserted in one or more claims. Any narrowing which may be evinced with respect to subject matter covered by the claims as a whole, or by one or more claims of the appended claims whether amended, re-represented, or new, when compared to claims previously in the application, should not be interpreted as indicating that the Applicant has generally disclaimed the territory between the original claimed subject matter and the amended claimed subject matter. Amended claims elements are to be construed to include substantial equivalents known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Applicant asserts that any amendments transacted herein are made without prejudice and reserve all rights to prosecute any canceled claims, and claim structures preceding any amendment to a particular claim, and other disclosed (but not presently claimed) embodiments in the application, in future continuation applications, divisional applications, continuation-in-part applications, continuing prosecution applications, requests for continuing examination, re-examination applications and any other application claiming priority to the present application.

▪ **COMPLETE LIST OF CLAIMS THAT ARE OR HAVE BEEN BEFORE THE OFFICE
AFTER ENTRANCE OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE HEREIN**

The following claims constitute a complete list of claims that are or have been before the office after entrance of the amendments made herein. Amendments to the claims are indicated in accord with Revised 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (which while having an effective date of July 30, 2003 the USPTO is urging to be complied with at this time). In accord with such regulation, the listing of claims set forth below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for supporting security-trade financing by a trading company for a company with a limited number of deficient assets seeking capital or assets, comprising the steps of:
- a) a trading company (TC) maintaining an inventory data base including comprising data for identifying suitable trade products as trade-credits;
 - b) the TC determining a cash/trade-credit blend for the purpose of providing financing to the a capital seeking company (CSC) holding limited assets upon valuation of said company, wherein the cash/trade-credit blend includes comprises a cash portion and a trade-credit portion;
 - c) the TC receiving securities from the CSC company in exchange for the trade-credit portion of the cash/trade-credit blend; and
 - d) the TC receiving at least a portion of the cash/trade-credit blend from the CSC company in exchange for a proportional quantity of the products in the TC's inventory that are desired by the CSC company.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 1, further including comprising the steps of:
- a) the TC receiving deficient assets from a deficient asset CSC company;
 - b) the TC transmitting trade credits to the deficient-asset CSC company to pay, at least in part, for the deficient assets; and
 - c) the TC storing data identifying the deficient assets in the inventory data

base.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the products identified in the TC inventory data base are categorized.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the products are selected from the group consisting of goods and services.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein the cash/trade-credit blend is represented by a cash-credit ratio, and wherein the cash-credit ratio is between 1/99 and 99/1, inclusive.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for a trading company (TC) supporting security-trade financing for facilitating growth of a capital seeking company (CSC) having deficient assets, comprising the steps of:

- a) the TC storing data identifying inventory allocations and inventory components desired by the CSC company;
- b) the TC calculating a total plan cost basis based on the inventory allocations and cost bases of the inventory components;
- c) the TC calculating a cash-credit ratio based on the total plan cost basis and a desired plan cost basis;
- d) the TC calculating one or more than one cash/trade-credit ~~blends~~ blend based on the desired plan cost basis, the cash-credit ratio, and one or more than one investment

value ~~values~~; and

e) the TC outputting the one or more ~~than one~~ cash/trade-credit ~~blend~~ blends
for security-trade type financing of the CSC growth.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the
desired plan cost basis is comprises ~~based on~~ valuations of the CSC ~~company~~.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the
valuations comprise ~~include~~ an agreed-to valuation and a desired valuation.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the
inventory components are selected from the group consisting of one or more than one category
~~categories~~ of inventory products and one or more than one particular inventory product ~~products~~.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 9, further comprising
the step of the TC storing data for identifying ~~the~~ one or more than one category ~~categories~~ of
inventory products and data for identifying ~~the~~ one or more than one particular inventory
product ~~products~~ in an inventory data base.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 10, further
comprising the step of TC storing data for identifying an actual cost basis of each of the ~~one or~~
~~more~~ particular inventory products.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 10, further comprising the step of TC storing data for identifying an estimated cost basis of each of the ~~one or more~~ categories of inventory products.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the cost bases of the inventory components are selected from the group consisting of an actual cost ~~bases~~ basis and an estimated cost ~~bases~~ basis.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the total plan cost basis is selected from the group consisting of a total actual plan cost basis and a total estimated plan cost basis.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the cash-credit ratio is between 1/99 and 99/1, inclusive.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 6, further including the step of storing a range of investment values and an increment value for use in calculating the ~~one or more~~ cash/trade-credit blends.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein the step of calculating a total plan cost basis based on the inventory allocations and the cost bases of the inventory components ~~includes the step of~~ comprises discounting each inventory component by a

rate-card discount.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data processing system for supporting security-trade financing by a trading company for facilitating growth of a company seeking capital seeking company having deficient assets, comprising:

- (a) a computer processor means for processing data;
- (b) a storage means for storing data on a storage device;
- (c) a first means for storing data identifying inventory allocations and inventory components desired by the company in the storage device;
- (d) a second means for calculating a total plan cost basis based on the inventory allocations and cost bases of the inventory components;
- (e) a third means for calculating a cash-credit ratio based on the total plan cost basis and a desired plan cost basis;
- (f) a fourth means for calculating one or more than one cash/trade-credit blend blends based on the desired plan cost basis, the cash-credit ratio, and one or more than one investment value values; and
- (g) a fifth means for outputting ~~the~~ one or more than one cash/trade-credit blend blends.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 18, wherein the desired plan cost basis is based on valuations of the company.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 19,

wherein the valuations comprise ~~include~~ an agreed-to valuation and a desired valuation.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 18, wherein the inventory components are selected from ~~the group consisting of~~ one or more than ~~one category~~ ~~categories~~ of inventory products and one or more than one particular inventory ~~product~~ ~~products~~.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 21, further comprising a sixth means for storing data identifying the ~~one or more~~ categories of the inventory products and data identifying the ~~one or more~~ particular inventory products in an inventory data base.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 22, further comprising a seventh means for storing data identifying an actual cost basis of each of the ~~one or more~~ particular inventory products.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 22, further comprising an eighth means for storing data identifying an estimated cost basis of each of the ~~one or more~~ categories of inventory products.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 18, wherein the cost bases of the inventory components are selected from the group consisting of an actual cost ~~bases~~ basis and an estimated cost ~~bases~~ basis.

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 18, wherein the total plan cost basis is selected from the group consisting of a total actual plan cost basis and a total estimated plan cost basis.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 18, wherein the cash-credit ratio is between 1/99 and 99/1, inclusive.

B 28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 18, further comprising ~~including~~ a ninth means for storing a range of investment values and an increment value for ~~use in~~ calculating the ~~one or more~~ cash/trade-credit blends.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 18, wherein the second means for calculating a total plan cost basis based on the inventory allocations and the cost bases of the inventory components comprises ~~includes~~ a tenth means for discounting each inventory component by a rate-card discount.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A data processing system for supporting security-trade financing by a trading company (TC) for a capital seeking company (CSC) seeking capital to facilitate growth while holding a limited number of deficient assets, comprising:

a storage device for a trading company storing data for identifying inventory components and corresponding cost bases;

a processor in communication with the storage device, wherein the processor is

operative to

(a) store data in the storage device for identifying inventory allocations and certain inventory components desired by the deficient-asset company,

a desired plan cost basis, and

one or more than one investment value values;

(b) calculate a total plan cost basis based on the inventory allocations and the cost bases of the certain inventory components;

(c) calculate a cash-credit ratio based on the total plan cost basis and the desired plan cost basis;

(d) calculate ~~one or more~~ cash/trade-credit blends based on the desired plan cost basis, the cash-credit ratio, and the ~~one or more~~ investment value values; and

(e) output the ~~one or more~~ cash/trade-credit blends.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 30, wherein the desired plan cost basis is based on valuations of the deficient-asset company.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 31, wherein the valuations of the company include an agreed-to valuation and a desired valuation.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 30, wherein the inventory components are selected from ~~the group consisting of~~ one or more than one category ~~categories~~ of inventory products and one or more than one particular inventory product ~~products~~.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 33, wherein the processor is further operative to store data identifying each of the ~~one or more~~ categories of inventory products and data for identifying each of the ~~one or more~~ particular inventory products in a inventory data base.

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 34, wherein the processor is further operative to store data identifying an actual cost basis of each of the ~~one or more~~ particular inventory products.

36. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 34, wherein the processor is further operative to store data identifying an estimated cost basis of each of the ~~one or more~~ categories of inventory products.

37. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 30, wherein the cost bases of the inventory components are selected from the group consisting of an actual cost ~~bases~~ basis and an estimated cost ~~bases~~ basis.

38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 30, wherein the total plan cost basis is selected from the group consisting of a total actual plan cost basis and a total estimated plan cost basis.

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 30, wherein the cash-credit ratio is between 1/99 ad 99/1, inclusive.

40. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) [[A]] The data processing system as recited in Claim 30,
wherein the processor is further operative to store a range of investment values and an increment
value for use in calculating the ~~one or more~~ cash/trade-credit blends.
